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Applicant: David Low
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For: Stackable Cable Hanger
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Examiner: Sterling, Amy Jo
Art Unit: 3632

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Commissioner of Patents
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May 17, 2006

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action Dated March 7, 2006 and a Notice of Non-compliant
Amendment dated May 10, 2006 Applicant respectfully submits the following response.

The Examiner has taken the position that the application contains claims directed to two
patentably distinct species of the claimed invention: Species 1 (figures 1-3 and 6) and Species 2
(figures 4 and 5), between which the Examiner issued a restriction requirement.

Applicant respectfully submits that there is no difference between "Species 1 and 2". As
unambiguously identified in the figures descriptions appearing at Paragraphs 13 and 14 of the
Specification, figures 4 and 5 are merely examples of the identical cable hanger appearing in
figures 1-3, shown installed upon cable(s) according to the invention. The number of cable
hangers and or specific attachment hardware applied according to the invention in a given
installation is not a distinction that is presently claimed by Applicant. Therefore claims 1-16 are
generic to the Examiners Restriction Requirement.

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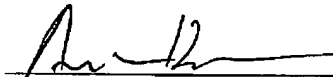
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For the reasons specified herein above, Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's restriction requirement. For purposes of continuing prosecution without further delay, Applicant's required election is for "Species II: Fig. 4 and 5". Although the Examiner indicates "no claim is generic", after careful review of the claims as filed, Applicant respectfully submits that each and every claim is generic to the restriction requirement as presented. Therefore, each of claims 1-16 as originally filed are readable upon "Species II: Fig. 4 and 5".

Having traversed the Examiner's Restriction Requirement, Applicant respectfully requests immediate prosecution of all claims (1-16) in the present application without further delay.

Respectfully submitted,

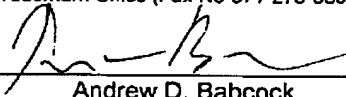


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